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REMARKS

Claims 32, 37-39, and 41-47 are pending in this application. In the office action mailed October 5, 2005:

- 1) claims 46 was objected to because of an error in the designation of the dependency on claim 44 (office action, ¶ 2); and
- 2) claims 32, 37-39, and 41-47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of the combination of U.S. Patent No. 5,668,857 (McHale) and U.S. Patent No. 6,064,653 (Farris) (office action, ¶ 3);.

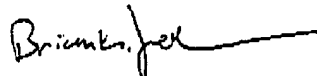
Claim 46 has been amended to recite the proper dependency on claim 45.

As noted on the first page, the examiner has been informed that the Farris reference, having a filing date of January 7, 1997, is not effective prior, as this application is a divisional of application serial no. 08/774,344, filed December 30, 1996. Therefore, the rejection cannot stand.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant submits that all of the claims are in proper format, patentably distinct from the relevant prior art of record, and in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact Joel Miller (tel. 973-736-8306) or the undersigned at the telephone number listed below with any questions concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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